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CLAVELITO PARK IN THE HEART OF GLENDALE TO BE IMPROVED WITH GRANT FUNDS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – A park in one of Glendale’s oldest neighborhoods will receive a new ramada, shade structure and upgraded playground equipment thanks to city grants totaling \$238,000.

Clavelito Park, located at 6601 N. 53rd Ave., is located within the “Heart of Glendale,” a mature neighborhood of more than 300 homes that is registered with the Neighborhood Partnership Office. Some of the homes date back to the early 1900s. Many of the families who live in the area are low-income.

During the fall of 2005, members of the Heart of Glendale Teen Youth Council successfully applied for a neighborhood grant of nearly \$58,000, which was awarded by the Citizen’s Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods.

More funds were identified to assist with the project, including cash matches of \$15,000 from the city’s Parks & Recreation Department and the city’s Neighborhood Grants office and will be added to a CDBG grant of \$150,000. The project is scheduled for completion this fall.

In their presentation to the commission, the members of the youth council expressed their desire to improve the park so that area residents would have a safe and healthy place where families could gather.

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“The Clavelito Park project, in the Heart of Glendale, is a wonderful example of community partnering. Through the exemplary efforts of the youth of this neighborhood, the citizens in the Heart of Glendale will soon have a wonderful redesigned park for community gatherings and outdoor activities,” said Larry Flatau, chair of the Citizen’s Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods.

The city provides grants to older neighborhoods to assist with revitalization efforts. Citizen participation and involvement are key components of the program. For more information on the Neighborhood Grants Program, call 623-930-2868.

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